

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on July 10, 2003.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for anesthesia and lumbar discogram for date of service July 25, 2002.

II. RATIONALE

- CPT Code 01912-46 for date of service 7/25/02 denied as “GLBL – G – The procedure code has been rebounded to a more comprehensive code that more accurately describes the entire procedure performed. The Commission Rules and 1996 Medical Fee Guideline Ground Rules do not address anesthesia as being global to a discogram; therefore, reimbursement amount, requested by the health care provider, of \$450.00 ($60 \div 15 = 4 + 9$ RVU's = $13 \times \$35.00 = \455.00) is recommended.
- The requestor requested preauthorization for a lumbar discogram; the Physician Advisory for Travelers Medical Management Services denied the request.
- The Designated Doctor report suggested that the patient undergo diskograms. Per §130.6(g) any additional testing required is not subject to preauthorization. Discogram and CT Scan reports support delivery of service. Therefore, reimbursement in the amount of \$2,691.30 is recommended.

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to reimbursement for CPT code 01912 and the Lumbar Discogram in the amount of \$3,141.30. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$3,141.30** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 13th day of February 2004.

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